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CIVILIANS QUALIFY AS AIRCRAFT PILOTS

In 1948 Narodna Tehnika (People's Technology) [a paramilitary organization] qualified 20,430 men and women as aircraft pilots, glider pilots, parachutists, auto and motorcycle operators, hydroglider pilots, operators of kayaks and motorboats, and radio and photo amateurs. Of these, 7,707 men and women are members of the Vazduhoplovni Savez (Aeronautical Federation).

The following organizations are active within the framework of Narodna Tehnika: the Aeronautical, the Automobile, the Navigation, and Amateur Radio, and the Amateur Photo Federations of Yugoslavia. These are active through 208 organizations; through 123 groups and circles in cities and villages in which there are 181 workshops, 61 schools, and 67 technical laboratories of all kinds; and through 700 clubs located in factories, mines, workshops, enterprises, schools, and cooperatives. The Narodna Tehnika organizations have constructed the first Yugoslav motorcycle: an original streamlined auto body; the first Yugoslav high-mileage automobile; the first Yugoslav photographic camera; the Triglav and Oras high-altitude gliders; Jadran, the first Yugoslav hydroglider; the Sava training hydroglider; and others. The construction of the first Yugoslav helicopters and rocket gliders is now in the planning stage.

Narodna Tehnika has 100,000 members.

To acquaint the public with modern technology, the government has instituted Technology Week from 5 June to 12 June.

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